



Grant County Public Library

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To FCC Decision Makers:

I am writing this not just because I was asked to, but plainly put, we need you to continue with Category 2 funding! For our library and our county it is particularly critical in the next several years.

Grant County in Kentucky is halfway between Cincinnati and Lexington and is still considered a rural area with small family farms and very little industry. Our public library has become a critical stopping place for almost everyone who needs to fill out job applications or if out of work, fill out online forms for UI. In fact probably 75-80% of our computer usage is centered on some aspect of workforce development. Over the past several years more and more people are doing these tasks on their own devices and using our internet Wi-Fi connections, whether it is on a laptop, tablet, or phone. It is now critical that we keep these services and continue to improve connections and service to our patrons.

We are also embarking on an expansion project for our building and these funds would definitely help bridge the financial gap and provide much needed improvements to our wireless internet connections.

So I encourage and firmly request that you keep the funding for the E-rate Category Two intact as was originally set forth for the 5-year commitment from 2014. I believe it is imperative that you continue to provide these funds to our communities who depend on these services so strongly.

Respectfully submitted,

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